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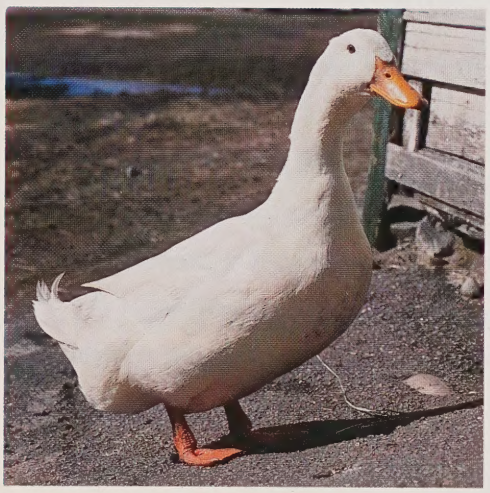

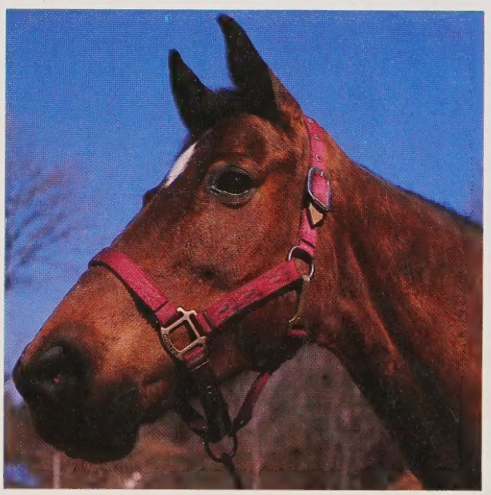

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League alumni pose for pet portrait gallery.
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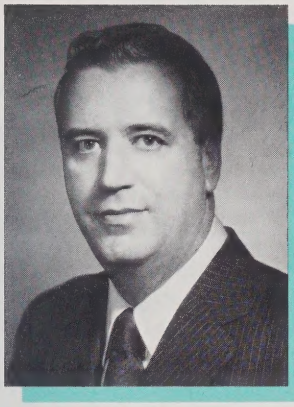


Arthur G. Slade, *President*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

SOUTH SHORE SHELTER SITE SEARCH

In our continuing effort to provide care and protection for as many animals as possible, the League is currently searching for a suitable site for a new shelter on the South Shore. There is a region from the Hanover-Marshfield area to the Cape Cod Canal that is not serviced by an established shelter and it is our hope to be able to fill this void. It has been increasingly apparent for some time that there is a growing need and desire for our services in this region. It contains one of the most rapidly growing populations in eastern Massachusetts, and we receive more and more requests for our shelter work in this area.

I would envision a branch shelter with the same full services as our other shelter facilities.

In addition, it is our hope to find a parcel of affordable land that would be large enough to allow for the preservation of a substantial number of acres to be used as a wildlife refuge. Such an area would be kept in its natural state and would provide a unique sanctuary for some of our most valued natural resources. It would also create a protected area for the release of rehabilitated wildlife. We have an ever-increasing demand for such facilities, and the service area we contemplate for this shelter seems to be uniquely suited for developing this new dimension of our work.

The main thrust of the shelter itself will continue to be our full range of humane services including the adoption of pets into new homes, animal rescues and cruelty investigations and a strong influence on the South Shore relating to all aspects of animal care and welfare. The shelter will be named for a fine benefactor whose generous gift has made the desire for such a facility a real possibility.

I believe our members and friends will share our excitement for the prospect of such an expansion of our services. We will need the encouragement and support of all of our friends and members, and we especially look forward to increased interest and contact from those on the South Shore.

I will report from time to time on our progress. Please feel free to contact me if you have any thoughts or questions.

The Early Years

Horse-drawn ambulances brought animals in need of help to the League's shelter on Carver Street at the turn of the century, and were replaced by motorized ambulances in 1912. In 1913, the first annual Christmas Dinner for Horses was held.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston:

A PROFILE

On March 13, 1988, the League embarked on its 90th year of service to animals, a milestone that offers an appropriate opportunity to review the League's history, purpose, organization and programs, particularly for the benefit of those newer members and friends who may wish to learn more about the humane endeavor in which they participate.

The League was established in 1899 by Anna Harris Smith, a Boston humanitarian who wrote a letter to the *Boston Evening Transcript,* expressing her outrage at the numerous instances of cruelty to animals that could be witnessed daily. One hundred and ten people responded to her call for action, attending an organizational meeting at the Park Street Church on February 9, 1899. One month later, the Animal Rescue League of Boston was officially incorporated.

During its first year of operation in a three-story building at 68 Carver Street, the League cared for 1,595 dogs and cats, and its membership grew from 110 to 654. In 1907, the League established a rest home for horses and a pet cemetery in Dedham, and in 1912 the first motorized animal ambulance was put into service, marking the start of the League's long tradition in rescue and emergency aid for animals. Branches were opened on the North Shore in 1915, and on Cape Cod in 1921. By the time the League celebrated its 25th anniversary in 1924, the organization was a well-established charitable enterprise serving communities throughout eastern Massachusetts.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston today is still a non-profit, full-service humane association supported totally by the generosity of caring and concerned individuals. While it frequently provides assistance to state or city animal welfare and protection efforts, it is not funded by the Commonwealth, and receives no financial support from any government agencies.

The League exists for the purpose of relieving all forms of animal suffering, and making the world a better place for pets and people. Over the years it has worked to accomplish this goal by providing direct aid to animals in the form of shelter, rescue, adoption, health care, educational and legislative programs. With branch shelters in Salem, Dedham, and East Brewster, and a planned expansion of shelter services to the southeastern part of the state, the League provides direct services to a large proportion of the animal population in Massachusetts, and aids thousands of others throughout New England through cooperative efforts with humane societies in neighboring states.

Emergency Aid and Rescue

The League is available seven days a week to aid in animal-related emergencies. Seven League ambulances respond to calls for help, retrieving kittens from treetops or raccoons from chimneys, transporting injured animals to the League clinic for care, and performing wildlife rescues.

Shelter and Adoption

Over 7,000 homeless pets find new owners each year

through the adoption programs at the League's four animal shelter adoption centers located in Boston, Dedham, East Brewster and Salem. The animals sheltered at the modern facilities include stray animals brought in by people who find them, owned animals that are given up for adoption, and injured stray animals that are nursed back to health and then offered for adoption.

Health Care

Medical and surgical care for over 10,000 animals is provided each year at the League's modern outpatient clinic for small animals, located at the Boston headquarters.

Law Enforcement

The League's law enforcement staff conducts regular inspections, and complaint investigations, to ensure that people and organizations comply with state and federal regulations regarding the humane treatment of animals. The League also works closely with state and local officials to foster legislation that will further improve the quality of life for animals.

Humane Education

The League conducts humane education programs for school children, operates the Animal Friends Summer School on Cape Cod, publishes pet care brochures, and issues educational public service announcements, all of which are aimed at educating and fostering humane attitudes among people of all ages.

The following are a few of the questions about the League most frequently asked by new friends:

Q. Is the Animal Rescue League the same as the city pound?

A. While the League's Boston shelter served for some years as the pound for the City of Boston, it has not performed this function since the opening of Boston's Animal Control Program and city shelter. The League's Cape Cod Branch in East Brewster does serve as the pound for several towns on Cape Cod.

Q. Does the League care for only dogs and cats?

A. Most definitely not! Through its rescue, investigation and law enforcement activities, the League has provided care for all kinds of creatures, both wild and domestic, ranging from tiny birds to elephants. In addition to dogs and cats, the League's adoption shelters find homes for rabbits, parakeets, guinea pigs, gerbils, goats, ponies—you name it! (See story on page 10.)

Q. Does the League operate any facilities other than animal shelters?

A. Yes, the League operates the Pine Ridge Cemetery for Small Animals, founded in 1907, located at Dedham, and the Animal Friends Summer School, located on a wooded estate in Cataumet. The League's branches are located in:

Boston (Headquarters), 10 Chandler Street (corner of Arlington and Tremont Sts.), Boston, Mass. 02117 (617) 426-9170.

Dedham (Pine Ridge Animal Center including Safford Memorial Shelter and Pine Ridge Cemetery), 238 Pine Street, Dedham, Mass. 02026 (617) 326-0729.

East Brewster (Cape Cod Branch), Route 6A, East Brewster, Mass. 02631 (617) 255-1030.

Salem (Sheldon Branch), 378 Highland Avenue, Salem, Mass. 01970 (617) 744-7910.

The League Today

More than 75,000 animals are aided each year through services provided by the League's four modern branch shelters (top to bottom): the Boston headquarters, the Sheldon Branch in Salem, the Cape Cod Branch, and the Pine Ridge Animal Center and Safford Memorial Shelter in Dedham.

A new x-ray unit in the clinic helps ensure prompt diagnosis and treatment for Dr. Leonard's fourfooted patients.

A Veterinary Update

Outpatient Clinic for Small Animals

Whether they are employing sophisticated diagnostic X-ray techniques, bandaging the proverbial injured paw, or even filing down a bunny's wayward bicuspid, veterinarians at the League's outpatient clinic manage to combine state-of-the-art medicine with plenty of old-fashioned TLC. Over the past year, some 14,000 small pets have benefited from this unique blend of care at the clinic, located at the League's Boston headquarters.

"While our overall goal is to relieve suffering wherever we find it, the primary purpose of the League's health care program is to help get homeless animals adopted, and to do whatever can be done to ensure that these adoptions last," according to Edward A. Leonard, D.V.M., director of veterinary medicine. "A healthy and well-socialized pet is much more likely to form a lasting bond with its new owner that will be a source of mutual enjoyment for many years to come."

Thus the first priority of the staff is to provide pre-adoption medical and surgical care for the homeless dogs, cats and miscellaneous animals temporarily housed at the Boston shelter. One of the clinic's staff of four veterinarians is assigned to the shelter for several hours each day, doing thorough examinations of each new arrival to detect any medical problems, and also to evaluate the animal's disposition and ability to socialize. All pets receive the vaccinations appropriate to their age, and those over five months are neutered prior to adoption. Veterinarians are also available on-call to perform similar services at each of the League's three branch adoption shelters in Brewster, Dedham and Salem.

Post-adoption follow-up care is equally important. Each new pet owner is contacted to see how pets are adjusting, and two weeks of health care are provided for any illness. Those who have adopted very young animals bring them back to the clinic for spaying or neutering, in accordance with a signed adoption agreement.

After the needs of shelter pets are met, the veterinary staff devotes its remaining time and attention to providing outpatient care for the general pet-owning public. The clinic is open Monday through Saturday, with appointments scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The majority of fourfooted patients visiting the clinic on any given day are there for routine examinations, vaccination, or tests and treatment for problems such as heartworm or other parasite infestations. In addition, however, the staff is often called upon to provide emergency care to pets injured in accidents.

The staff has also been devoting an increased amount of effort in the area of orthopedic treatment, especially for animals awaiting adoption. "If we have an animal that is perfectly adoptable except for a fractured leg, or even a limb that must be amputated, we will go ahead and treat it, and care for it here as long as it takes to recuperate," Dr. Leonard explains. One recent beneficiary of their special blend of skill and caring was a stray, gray and white female cat that had been hit by a car and suffered a fractured thigh bone. "We had to put a pin in her thigh, and keep her here until the fracture healed, but she managed to maintain her very pleasant personality throughout the whole ordeal, and was adopted as soon as she recovered," Dr. Leonard recalls.

Spring is the busiest time in the clinic, with owners and their pets getting prepared for vacation time and increased periods exposed to outdoor hazards. As warm weather and days of heightened activity approach, Dr. Leonard has one major recommendation for pet owners: "Please don't neglect the routine care of your pet." Regular bathing, grooming and inspection for fleas and other parasites are essential. "I see a lot of animals in discomfort, caused not so much by real cruelty or neglect, but simply by lack of attention."

All pets should receive a medical examination and booster shots at least once a year. "In addition, if pets are going outside at all—which most do—all dogs should receive preventive medication for heartworm disease, and cats should be vaccinated for the feline leukemia virus."

1987 ANNUAL REPORT

During its 89th year of service, the League extended assistance to approximately 75,000 animals through a variety of programs on many humane fronts. This was made possible by the generous support of 27,541 caring members, including 3,806 new friends who joined the League during 1987. *Continued on next page . . .*

Happiness is a new puppy for Danielle Mullen, 2½, of Quincy.

ANNUAL REPORT continued . . .

The League's success in placing animals in new homes continues to grow at a very heartening rate. Adoptions were arranged for 2,609 dogs, 4,295 cats, and 472 miscellaneous pets, a total of 7,376 placements. Cats continue to outnumber dogs as the pet of choice by a ratio of 1.6 to 1, a trend that was noted and explored in an article in the Fall issue of *Our Fourfooted Friends.*

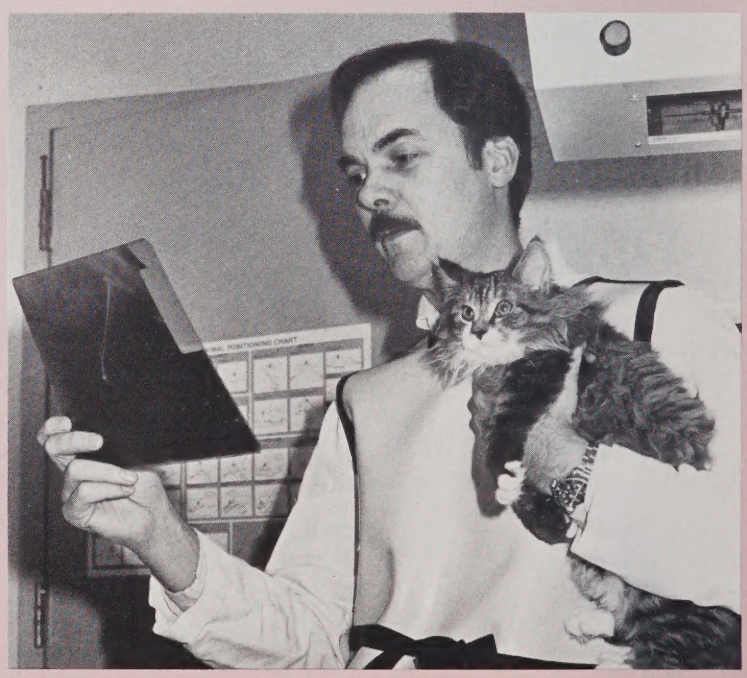
Health care activities in the outpatient clinic for small animals rose by 20%, with a total of 10,594 patient visits, compared to 8,799 during the previous year. The clinic veterinary staff also provided health care for 3,792 pets adopted at the Boston shelter. A total of 1,964 lost pets were reunited with their owners, including 1,191 dogs, 517 cats, and 256 miscellaneous pets.

Inspections, investigations and law enforcement activities continue to grow in number and scope, particularly at the League's Boston headquarters. League agents inspected a total of 336 sites where animals are kept, including kennels, stables, pet shows, guard dog establishments, and zoos, as well as laboratories using animals for research or educational purposes. In addition, 750 cruelty investigations were conducted, many of which led to legal prosecutions that were successfully concluded during the year. Among these was the well-publicized case of the Gifford Home for Cats in Brighton which is now under new management as a result of an investigation initiated by the League. Ambulance and rescue agents also responded to 8,809 calls for assistance, many of which involved animals in need of extensive rescue aid, medical treatment and rehabilitation.

Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, as well as community outreach activities such as school programs and nursing home pet visits, continued to be a priority at the League's shelters in Brewster and Salem. In Dedham, the new Safford Memorial Shelter celebrated its first anniversary, and the reopening of the totally restored colonial barn on the property, which is now being used as a livestock rehabilitation center.

The League's preferred emphasis has always been on prevention of cruelty, rather than prosecution and punishment. To this end, it has intensified its efforts to work with city, state and federal officials to foster legislation that will protect animals from cruelty, neglect or outright abuse, and establish means of enforcing such legislation. The League refiled a bill this year that would require the licensing and inspection of animal pounds in the Commonwealth, and also filed several new legislative proposals. The controversy over pit bull ownership drew widespread national and local attention during 1987, and the League has assisted in developing guidelines for a proposed "vicious dog" ordinance in the City of Boston, and a state law for Massachusetts pending in the legislature.

The Animal Friends Summer School program on Cape Cod was expanded this year to offer campers a choice between a three-week session or a four-week session. Educational activities directed toward young people also included school visits, tours and classroom demonstrations, all of which are aimed at fostering humane attitudes early in life.

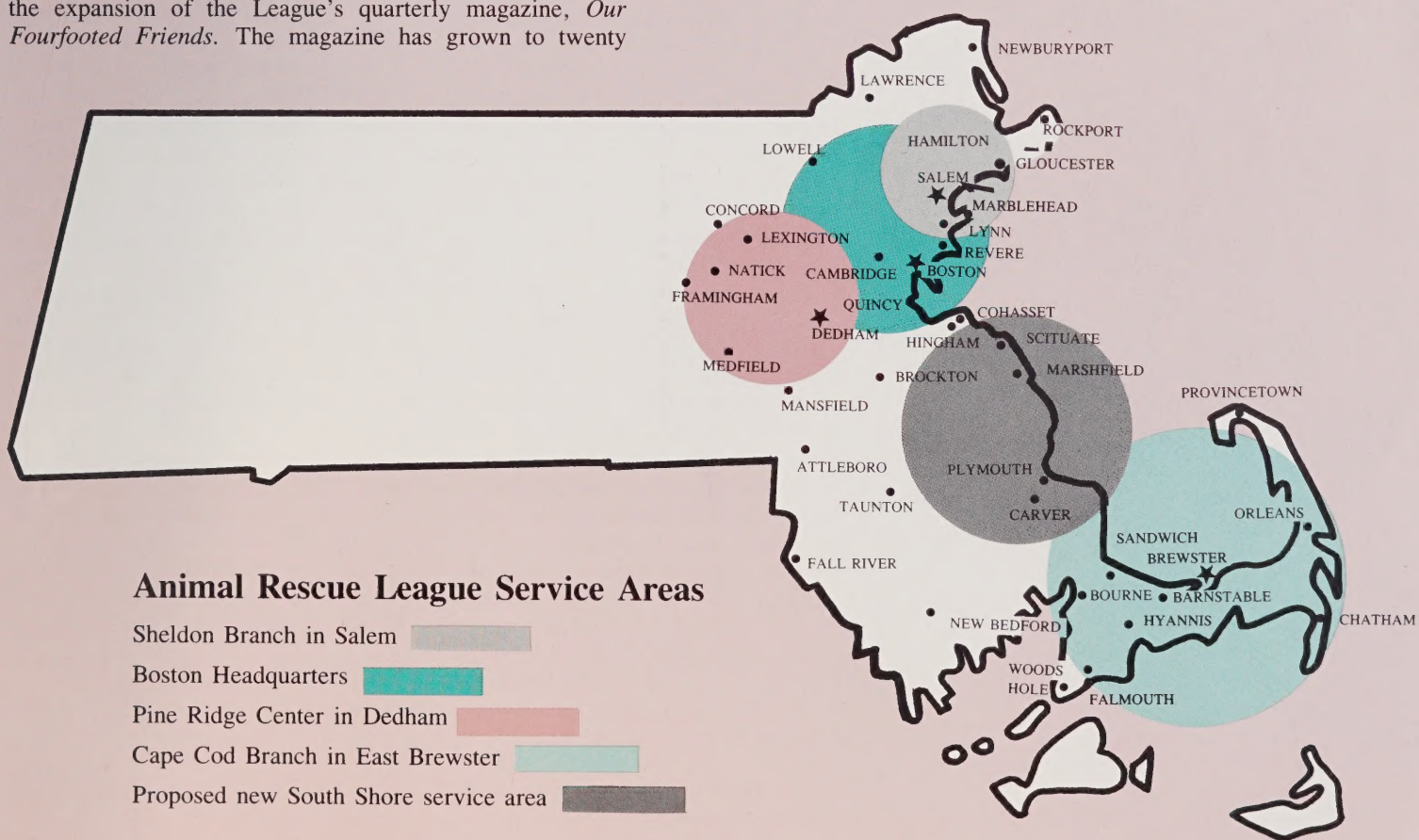


Dr. Edward A. Leonard, director of veterinary medicine, examines a patient in the small animal clinic.

Tyrus Sanders, 4, of Boston, picks out a pet hamster, one of the many small, miscellaneous pets available for adoption at the League.

An increased number of people in the League's service communities were made aware of animals in need of homes through the introduction of a "Pet of the Week" newspaper feature in the *Dedham Transcript* and the *Lynn Daily Item.* Further efforts to educate the public included increased use of advertising and public service announcements, as well as the expansion of the League's quarterly magazine, *Our Fourfooted Friends.* The magazine has grown to twenty pages, and now features a special section for young readers, the "Animal Friends Newsletter."

The League now enters upon its 90th year of service with pride in the accomplishments of the past, and enthusiasm for the challenges to come.



Animal Rescue League Service Areas

Sheldon Branch in Salem

Boston Headquarters

Pine Ridge Center in Dedham

Cape Cod Branch in East Brewster

Proposed new South Shore service area

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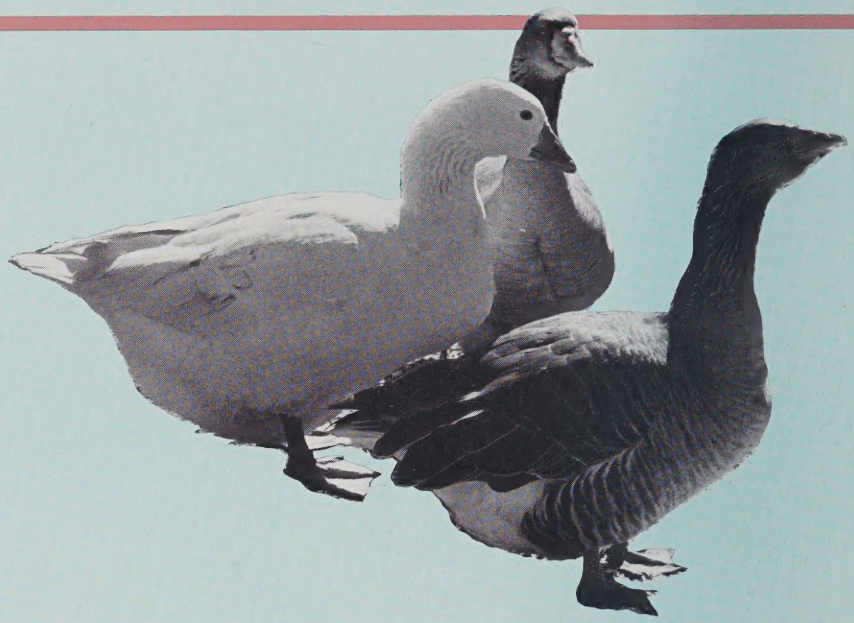

League staff members like Dorothy Flood provide care and affection for every type of pet, from bunnies to burros, a small sampling of which are pictured on these pages.

Love comes not only in all colors and sizes at the League, but in a variety of shapes and species as well. While a dog may be best friend to some, more and more people are choosing to share their affections with hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, rabbits, canaries, cockatiels, and even horses, ponies, pigs and pigeons. Moreover, they are adopting these kinds of pets at Animal Rescue League shelters, a fact that may surprise those who thought that a humane society shelter is a place to visit only when one is in search of a puppy or kitten.

Small pets such as hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, mice and white rats are becoming the pet of choice for many busy people, especially adult working people who live alone. Recognizing this trend, the League has been making an increased effort to encourage such adoptions, according to Robert Walsh, manager of the Boston adoption shelter. "With each small pet that is adopted, we now provide a cage, plus a complete starter adoption kit including an exercise wheel, water bottle, feed dish and a box of food," he reports. All of this is included in the small pet adoption fee of $10.

Many rabbits are also available for adoption, especially at this time of year, and instructions for building a rabbit hutch are provided to new owners. All of the rabbits and other small animals and birds are previously owned pets that have been given up for adoption. "People move and don't want to take the pet along, or the kids grow up and go away to college," Walsh explains. "These animals adapt easily to new surroundings, require little maintenance, and are ideal first pets for children," he says.

Other unusual pets come to the League as a result of law enforcement investigations, or rescue activities. For example, the League has recently placed two ponies, a sheep and a goat, and is looking for a permanent home for a blind pony, and for "Fair Nashua," a horse descended from a line of thoroughbreds who suffered permanent injuries due to cruelty and neglect.

Larger animals are usually adopted out to farms, or petting zoos; rescued wild animals are usually turned over to wildlife centers for rehabilitation and release. Not all animals can be easily categorized, however, and each case receives individualized treatment. A

COLORS AND SIZES

pig found running loose on Cape Cod, for example, was a pet whose owner gave her up. She was adopted from the League's Salem shelter by a gentleman from New Hampshire who writes: "Charlotte is doing just ducky. She is slowly becoming somewhat of a celebrity in our small town. Every morning, Charlotte, the dog, and I go for a walk . . . not a morning passes without some sort of incident, and the neighbors just love the little shows we put on. My wife, the neighbors, and I really love having her around."

Another happy outcome resulted from a case involving a fancy pigeon with long white feathers and a swollen leg. A family in Peabody summoned the League when they found the injured pigeon hanging around their bird feeder. "The bird had probably been bred as a pet," according to Mary Brasier, manager of the League's Salem branch, who took the bird in, had its leg x-rayed and found an old break that had become infected. After medical treatment and two months of cage rest at the shelter, the pigeon was adopted by a police sergeant in the area who had always wanted to raise birds. He also adopted the fancy pigeon's cagemate, a turban pigeon that had been rescued from a chimney and treated for malnutrition.

Exotic pets are not available for adoption from the League, but the shelter does from time to time receive a snake that has been a former pet. "Generally, this happens when a snake has escaped from its home and the owner is not located," according to Robert Walsh. Because snakes require highly specialized knowledge and care, the League usually tries to place them with members of the Massachusetts Herpetological Society.

As this issue goes to press, the League is looking for homes for: horses, a pony and a sheep.

Anyone who feels he or she can offer a good home to one of these animals should contact Pine Ridge Animal Center in Dedham, 326-0729, for further information. Though these particular animals may already have been adopted, there will always be other similar animals in need of homes in the future, and the League will place your name on a list of potential adopters to be contacted as these animals become available for adoption.

ANIMALS IN TROUBLE—

WHO CARES? . . . WE DO!!

By Terrie Bierig-Neyland

When animals are in situations where they are in danger, abused, lost, or ill, it is the responsibility of animal welfare professionals to help them. In order for these animals to be helped, their plight must first be discovered and reported by concerned citizens. How does someone know to report such a situation?

A dog that has fallen through the ice on a frozen pond needs to be rescued as does a cat stranded high in a tree for days or a swan rendered helpless by a broken wing. The Animal Rescue League ambulance department is available at all four League locations to assist animals that are in this type of trouble. A quick telephone call by a passerby reporting an animal in need will bring a League ambulance driver to the scene as soon as possible to help the animal in danger. These are obvious and distressful situations that need to be reported to the local humane organization, but what are the more subtle signs that indicate an animal is in trouble? Many abused animals die each year before they can be helped by humane professionals because their situations go unreported by the neighbors or bystanders who knew of them.

The public is understandably reluctant to report these situations because they might not be *positive* the animal is in trouble or because they are afraid of being found out by the person they report. These fears are unfounded and dangerous because they can prevent a person from reporting a potentially abusive situation and prolong an animal's suffering. Animal Rescue League officials ask the public to report any suspicious situation concerning an animal whether it occurs in a private home, pet shop, or horseback riding stable. Mr. Arthur Slade, League President, reminds people that, "We are humane professionals, qualified to determine whether or not animal abuse exists in any given situation; however, unless people report their suspicions to the League, we are helpless to rescue the animal(s) involved." Every person that reports a potentially abusive situation involving an animal has the right to have their identity kept confidential by League Humane Officers. Your neighbor need never know you reported their alleged neglect of a family pet, but if that pet *is* being abused, your report will enable the League to protect it and possibly save its life.

Abandonment by their owners is among the most heartrending forms of abuse suffered by pets.

"The first priority of League Police Officers investigating a cruelty to animals case," says Executive Assistant to the President Richard Bryant, "is if possible to educate owners as to why their treatment of a pet is considered abusive. This type of education is essential in ending animal abuse that occurs because of ignorance of the proper care of pets." The animal owners who reject the laws concerning the proper care and treatment of animals, after they are informed of them, are the people that must be prosecuted in order to protect the animal(s) in question. The League always prefers to educate and guide an animal's owner rather than prosecute the case in court.

What constitutes a suspicious or potentially abusive situation concerning an animal? The cruelty to animals law (Chapter 272, section 77) entitles animals to a clean and sanitary environment, proper food, water and medical treatment, protection from beatings or mutilation, etc. If you see a dog repeatedly tied out in the yard without access to food, water, or protection from the blazing sun or a horse with open sores forced to carry riders, or pet shop animals locked in filthy cages, report it to the Animal Rescue League at (617) 426-9170, or other local animal welfare organization. Any situation involving an animal that causes you to question the quality of care received by the animal(s) should be reported to qualified humane authorities immediately. There is a great deal of *good* accomplished when an innocent animal is rescued from harm because a caring individual took the time to make a phone call.

NEWSFRONT
ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON

FUR COATS TO WEAR CRUELTY LABEL

As part of a worldwide campaign to end the inhumane killing of animals to produce fur coats, England is in the process of passing regulations requiring that warning labels be stitched inside fur coats, stating: "This garment includes fur from animals commonly caught in leg-hold traps." The step is aimed at deterring women from buying such coats, and eliminating the excuse of ignorance that the fur comes from an animal that was caught and killed in a cruel manner. The international effort to end the killing of animals for fashion is spearheaded by the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA), which officially launches its campaign for "Compassion in Fashion" in the United States and Canada on May 13th.

ANIMAL FRIENDS SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Animal Friends Summer School located in Cataumet on Cape Cod will once again offer two full sessions of day programs for children this summer, including pet care classes, farm animal programs, marine ecology, arts and crafts, and a variety of additional animal-related activities.

SESSION I:
June 27-July 15, 1988
(three-week session)
Registration Fee: $120

SESSION II:
July 18-August 12, 1988
(four-week session)
Registration Fee: $160

Annual Pet Show
Saturday, July 23, 1988
(Rain date: July 24)

Be Kind TO ANIMALS Week

MAY 1-7 1988

The American Humane Association's annual observance of Be Kind to Animals Week will open with Be Kind to Animals Sunday on May 1, and continue throughout the week of May 1-7. The AHA and its member societies throughout the country sponsor this special week each year to focus attention on the plight of unwanted animals, and to foster more responsible pet ownership.

Many of the League's members and friends in the past have chosen to help the animals served by the League by donating a needed item or piece of equipment. For those who would like to make such a gift, or contribute toward its purchase, the League is currently in need of:

- A small fiberglas rescue boat to replace one that was donated a few years ago and, after extensive use in aquatic rescues of animals, is now no longer seaworthy.
- A video camera for humane education and law enforcement use.

Letter from a League Alumna

Dear Animal Rescue League:

Shortly after I was born on August 19, 1970, my four sisters and I were brought in to temporarily reside in a cage at your agency. On October 6, 1970, when I was seven weeks old, my "Master-to-be," Reena Deutsch, peeked into our cage. While my sisters slept or barely glanced her way, I stood up and boldly approached the front of the cage to get a better look at her looking at us. She took me home and cared for me. She brought me back a short time later for spaying, she took me with her from Boston to Arizona in 1971, and we moved again in 1972 to San Diego, California, traveling cross-country in a tiny car packed with all our belongings and my sister Melissa, adopted two weeks after I was.

Reena, Melissa, and I have been through a lot together: good times and bad. Melissa and I have been "indoor" cats for all but one year of our seventeen years of life (I never understood why Reena didn't like us to dump half-chewed-up lizards and scorpions onto the living room carpet in Tucson.) I like to sun myself on the warm windowsills and cuddle on laps.

I am writing to you because I want to thank you for making me available for adoption. Reena loves me and feels her life has been tremendously enriched by my sister's and my presence. Thank you again.

Gratefully yours,

Melanie

SHARING THE WARMTH

When she heard that homeless animals at the League's shelters were in need of blankets, Emma Matheson of Marblehead launched an appeal among her friends and neighbors and succeeded in rounding up twenty bags of blankets, towels and rugs which she presented to the League at Christmas. The League would like to express its deep appreciation to Mrs. Matheson on behalf of the many shelter pets who have benefited from her warmth and generosity. Mrs. Matheson also had some words of praise for those who contributed: "Nobody does it better! Marbleheaders are the best."

ANOTHER WAY OF SHARING THE WARMTH

A visit from an orphaned puppy brightens the day for a resident of the North Shore Convalescent Home, one of the many spots visited under the League's Nursing Home Visitation Program.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEART OF A FAITHFUL FRIEND . . .

"Treat me kindly, my beloved friend, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me. Do not break my spirit with a stick, for though I should lick your hand between blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me learn.

Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail when your footstep falls upon my waiting ear.

Please take me inside when it is cold and wet, for I am a domesticated animal, no longer accustomed to bitter elements. I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your foot beside the hearth.

Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst.

Feed me clean food that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side, and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life, should your life be in danger.

And my friend, when I am very old, and I no longer enjoy good health, hearing, and sight, do not make heroic efforts to keep me going. I am not having any fun. Please see that my trusting life is taken gently. I shall leave this earth knowing with the last breath I draw that my fate was always safest in your hands."

—Anonymous

Springtime Safety for Pets

Charlie and Edison sat on the front porch. They watched the sun sneak behind a big, fluffy cloud. In a moment the cloud moved, and the sun shined brightly on their faces. The sun's warmth reminded Charlie that spring had finally come. This made Charlie feel glad. Now he and his dog, Edison, could play outside again.

As Charlie sat there, he thought about the animal control officer that visited his class today. Charlie learned that an animal control officer enforces laws about pets. The officer, Mr. Johnson, makes sure that people are taking good care of their dogs and cats. Charlie tried to remember everything Mr. Johnson said. Charlie loved Edison and wanted to take very good care of him.

Charlie looked over at Edison's collar. Mr. Johnson said that every dog must wear a collar with tags attached to it. First, a dog must wear a rabies tag. Like all rabies tags, Charlie got Edison's from their veterinarian. When Edison was three months old, he received a rabies shot. The shot prevents Edison from getting sick with rabies. After getting the shot, the veterinarian put the rabies tag on Edison's collar. When Edison turns one year old, he will get another rabies shot. Then, every three years Edison must have another one. Each time he will get a new rabies tag.

A dog must also wear a license tag. It helps to keep Edison from getting lost. Mr. Johnson said that when a dog is six months old, its owner must register the dog with the city or town. Once a dog is registered, the dog becomes licensed.

On the license tag is a number. Edison's license number is 458. If Edison got lost and someone found him, the person who found him would call the animal control officer. The officer would check to see who registered dog number 458. Then the officer would telephone Charlie and his family. He would tell them where they would find Edison.

Finally, a dog should wear an identification tag. Charlie remembered that this tag is like a license tag because it also helps to keep Edison from getting lost. Edison's identification tag bears his name, Charlie's name, their address and telephone number. Again, if Edison became lost, the tag would help people return him to Charlie and his family.

Charlie smiled down at Edison. Edison wore all of his tags. Charlie knew that Edison would be safe. If Edison ever got lost, he could easily be returned to Charlie.

Charlie leaned over and attached a leash to Edison's collar. Charlie held Edison on his leash. They stood up, walked down the porch steps and on to the driveway. Charlie and Edison walked together every afternoon, but today was different because today Charlie kept Edison on his leash.

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Mr. Johnson explained to Charlie and his classmates why a dog must be kept on a leash. He told them there were three good reasons. First, Mr. Johnson said, it makes you feel safe. You know your dog will not run away or get hit by a car. Second, it makes your dog feel safe. He knows that you are beside him to protect him from getting hurt or lost. Third, it makes everyone else feel safe. People know that they can trust a dog on a leash because the dog is with its owner.

Charlie learned a lot at school today. Mr. Johnson helped Charlie understand how and why we should take good care of our pets. Charlie wanted Edison to be safe so now he would keep him on a leash. With that, Edison tugged on his leash. He wanted to run and play. Charlie smiled and leaned down to hug Edison. Then the two ran down the street to play.

VOCABULARY LIST

Animal Control Officer – A person who enforces laws relating to pets.

Rabies Tag – A tag that shows that a dog has had a shot preventing it from getting rabies, an illness that can kill a dog.

Veterinarian – A doctor who cares for sick and injured animals.

License Tag – A tag that shows that a dog has been registered with its city or town.

Register – To write down on a list or record.

Identification Tag – A tag that identifies a dog's name, its owner's name, their address and telephone number.

SPRINGTIME WORD SEARCH

Look for the following very important words when it comes to caring for your pets in the Springtime. The words can be backwards or forwards, up and down or across, or even diagonally, but they will always be in a straight line.

Animal Control Officer
Veterinarian
Rabies
License
Identification Tags
Register
Pets
Springtime

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(See Answers on Back Inside Cover.)

PETS IN THE PICTURE

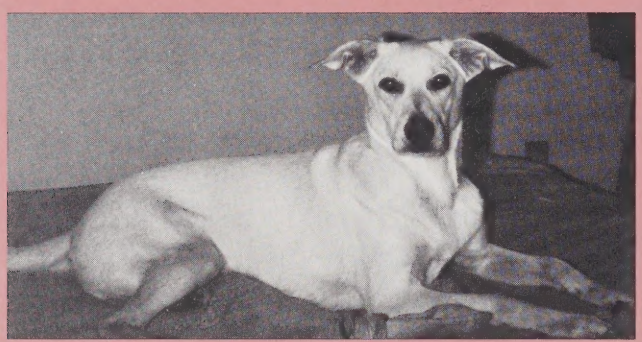
1 "Kelly" was adopted from the League's Salem branch four years ago by Jacqueline Dwyer of Chelsea who reports that their veterinarian recently found Kelly to be slightly overweight. "She now sits on the bathroom scale to have her weight checked!"

2 "She was perched so nicely on my what-not in the living room, that I just had to take her picture," writes "Chin-Chin's" owner, Augusta Waters of Carver. The photogenic Chin-Chin is now 16 years old and "she is going to be missed very much when I no longer have her," Ms. Waters writes.

3 Anne Stevens and Brian Clague of Boston wrote to say: "Thank you for making our lives so much happier with our new dog 'Jackie.' We love her!"

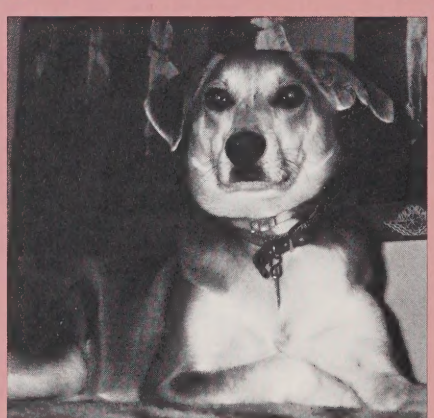
4 Anna Martin of Cambridge made a donation in memory of her dog "Schultz," who passed away on January 4th, just one week short of his 11th birthday. "He was a bit of a ham, and I think he would have liked his picture put in your publication," she writes.

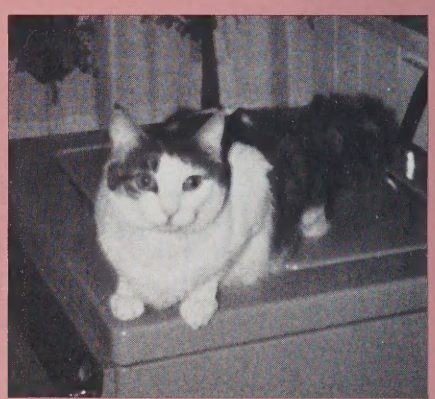
5 Anne Cassano of Lynn shares this photo of her grandson's dog "Daisy," adopted from the League two years ago for 13-year-old Erik Florentino. "Though allergic to dogs, the boy said he would bear the discomfort just to give her a good home. He has! One picture is worth a hundred words," writes Erik's grandmother.



6 " 'Candy' had a long and happy life with our family," writes Arlene Sanders of Natick. "When we got her, my youngest son was two years old. He's now almost 21 and a junior in college." Both he and his older brother came home for Thanksgiving, and Candy died of old age on Thanksgiving morning. "I felt like she wanted to see them before she died," her owner writes.

7 "She has brought us such joy and pleasure," writes "Frisky's" owner, Margaret Koberstein of Cambridge, who picked her pet out at the League last year. "We love her very much."





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